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The reply filed on September 13, 2003 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because: the amended claim format is not proper. Specifically, claim 8 fails to include a designator with regard to the status of the claim, i.e. "(currently amended):". Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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